

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, |) | |
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| Plaintiff, |) | |
| |) | Case No. CR08-88-JLR |
| v. |) | |
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| CHARLES LAI, |) | DETENTION ORDER |
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| Defendant. |) | |

Offenses charged:

- Count 1: Conspiracy to Export Cocaine, in violation of Title 21 U.S.C. §§ 953(a), 960(a)(1), 960(b)(1)(B)(ii), and 963.
- Count 2: Conspiracy to Import Marijuana, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 952(a), 960(a)(1), 960(b)(2)(G), and 963.
- Count 3: Possession of a Firearm in Furtherance of a Drug Trafficking Crime, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c)(1) and 2.

Date of Detention Hearing: April 15, 2008

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

(1) Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(e), there is a rebuttable presumption that defendant is a flight risk and a danger to the community based on the nature of the pending charges.

Application of the presumption is appropriate in this case.

(2) Defendant has no ties in the Western District of Washington or to this community.

(3) Defendant is a citizen of Canada.

(4) Defendant appears to have substantial assets available to him.

(5) Defendant has been previously charged with use of firearms in Canada, and the current charge involves firearms.

(6) There are no conditions or combination of conditions other than detention that will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required or ensure the safety of the community.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:


(1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the Attorney General for confinement in a correctional facility separate, to the extent practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody pending appeal;

(2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with counsel;

(3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and

(4) The Clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States Pretrial Services Officer.

DATED this 15th day of April, 2008.


JAMES P. DONOHUE
United States Magistrate Judge